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AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

In reply to the May 8, 2002 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the Abstract with the Abstract attached hereto.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 3, lines 7-15, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

According to the present invention there is provided a method of regulating gene expression in a transgenic plant comprising, introducing into a plant:

- i) a first chimeric nucleotide sequence comprising a first regulatory element in operative association with a coding sequence of interest, and a controlling sequence; and
- ii) a second chimeric nucleotide sequence comprising a second regulatory element in operative association with a nucleotide sequence encoding histone